

1 AN ACT relating to service animals.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔Section 1. KRS 525.200 is amended to read as follows:

4 (1) A person is guilty of assault on a service animal in the first degree when, *without*
5 *legal justification or lawful authority:*

6 *(a) He or she intentionally kills or causes serious physical injury to a service*
7 *animal;*

8 *(b) He or she intentionally causes physical injury to a service animal by means*
9 *of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument; or*

10 *(c) He or she wantonly causes serious physical injury to a service animal by*
11 *means of a deadly weapon or dangerous instrument*~~[- he intentionally and~~
12 ~~without legal justification or lawful authority kills or causes physical injury to~~
13 ~~a service animal to the extent that a service animal becomes physically~~
14 ~~incapable of ever returning to service].~~

15 (2) *For the purposes of this section, "service animal" has the same meaning as*
16 *defined in KRS 525.010, except that "service animal" does not include assistance*
17 *dogs as defined in KRS 525.010(6)(h).*

18 **(3)** Assault on a service animal in the first degree is a Class D felony.